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FROM KUBISCH AND HENNESSY

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SUBJ: CHILE COPPER DISPUTES: PRESS TREATMENT

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1. AS OUR JUNE 25 EVENING MEETING WAS ENDING, ALMEYDA SAID THAT IT WAS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT PRESS WOULD LEARN OF OUR MEETINGS IN LIMA. PERUVIAN POLICE HAD ALREADY OBSERVED US GETTING TOGETHER, AND TRAVEL OF TWO SUCH PROMENT CHILEANS TO LIMA AND THEIR RETURN TO SANTIAGO TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 26, WOULD SURELY BE KNOWN.

2. ALMEYDA PROPOSED WE ISSUE A BRIEF JOINT COMMUNIQUE. WE DEMURRED. WE PROPOSED GUIDANCE TO A SPOKESMAN FOR 2 OR 3 Q AND A'S, ON AN "IF-ASKED" BASIS, MERELY CONFIRMING FACT THAT MEETINGS TOOK PLACE. ALMEYDA SAID A BRIEF STATEMENT PREPARED IN ADVANCE, TO BE HANDED OUT, WAS PREFERABLE FOR THEM IN CHILE.

3. ACCORDINGLY, THEY HAVE PREPARED A STATEMENT WHICH THEY SHOWED TO US, ACCEPTING SEVERAL OF OUR SUGGESTIONS, WHICH THEY PROPOSE TO ISSUE ON THEIR OWN IN SANTIAGO SOMETIME AFTER 6 P. M. TUESDAY, JUNE 26, FOLLOWING THEIR RETURN. IT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE A JOINT COMMUNIQUE. TEXT FOLLOWS (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED):

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4. BEGIN TEXT. A MEETING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF
USG AND GOC TOOK PLACE IN LIMA JUNE 24-25 IN THE
RESIDENCE OF CHILEAN AMBASSADOR. THE REPRESENTATIVES
WERE HEADED BY KUBISCH, ASST SECY ARA, AND ALMEYDA,
CHAIRMAN OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF GOC.

5. THE CONVERSATIONS, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN A CORDIAL
ATMOSPHERE, CONSIDERED BILATERAL PROBLEMS INCLUDING
THOSE RELATING TO QUESTIONS PENDING FROM THE APRIL 1972
PARIS CLUB MEETING. THE DESIRE WAS EVIDENT TO CONTINUE
THE CONTACTS UNTIL RESULTS SATISFACTORY TO THE TWO
COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN REACHED. END TEXT.

6. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY STATEMENT SHOULD BE
OFFERED BY US SPOKESMEN IN WASHINGTON OR SANTIAGO#7
#923;34, WE BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE, ON AN " IF ASKED"
BASIS, TO CONFIRM THAT MEETINGS TOOK PLACE IN LIMA AT
CHILEAN RESIDENCE JUNE 24-25 TO DISCUSS " BILATERAL
MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST." PRESENCE OF KUBISCH AND
ALMEYDA AND " SEVERAL OTHERS ON BOTH SIDES" MAY BE
CONFIRMED. DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY FURTHER STATEMENT
OR CLARIFICATION IS EITHER NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE.
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